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SUBJECT: VISIT BY ASTRONAUT JAMES B. IRWIN

1. DURING COURTESY CALL BY DCM, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AT MFA (HEDIN) GAVE DCM LETTER TO KING FROM LARSERIC JANSON REQUESTING KING TO GIVE AUDIENCE DECEMBER 3 TO JANSON SO THAT HE CAN PRESENT ASTRONAUT JAMES IRWIN. JANSON, ASSISTANCE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF PUBLISHING COMPANY THAT SPECIALIZES IN RELIGIOUS BOOKS, SAID IN HIS LETTER THAT IRWIN PLANNED TO PRESENT KING WITH SWEDISH FLAG WHICH HAD FLOWN TO MOON ON APOLLO 15.

2. HEDIN TOLD DCM THAT PALACE AND MFA WOULD PREFER TO HANDLE THIS ONLY THROUGH EMBASSY. HE ASKED THAT WE GET IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH JANSON AND SUBSEQUENTLY BACK IN TOUCH WITH MFA IF WE WISHED TO PURSUE REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE WITH KING.

3. DCM TOLD HEDIN EMBASSY WAS NOT INFORMED ABOUT PROSPECTIVE VISIT, BUT WOULD OF COURSE INQUIRE. EMBASSY HAS APPOINTMENT WITH JANSON NOV. 15.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE ABOUT IRWIN AND ANY GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE ABOUT ADVISABILITY OF PURSUING REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE WITH KING.

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